

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

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James J. Barta

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: St Mary's U 1963 BS; St Louis U 1966 JD
Began Service: September 1, 1978
Term Expires: October 1, 2014

Government: Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice (1966-1970); Assistant Circuit Attorney, St. Louis Circuit, State of Missouri (1970-1976); Chief Trial Attorney, State of Missouri (1971-1976); Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri, Office of United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1977-1978)

Legal Practice: Associate, Guilfoil, Petzall & Shoemaker (1976-1977)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American College of Bankruptcy; American Judicature Society; Metropolitan Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; St. Louis Bar Association

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Barry S. Schermer

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Washington U (MO) 1973 JD
Began Service: 1986
Term Expires: October 14, 2014

Affiliation: Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Eighth Circuit

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Washington University School of Law

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Kathy A. Surratt-States

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: January 4, 1967
Education: Oklahoma City 1988 BA; Washington U (MO) 1991 JD
Began Service: March 17, 2003
Term Expires: March 2017

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Bankruptcy Judge James J. Barta, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (1991-1993); Judicial Intern, Bankruptcy Judge Barry S. Schermer, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (1989)

Legal Practice: Associate, Campbell & Coyne, P.C. (1993-1998); Principal, Ziercher & Hocker, P.C. (2000-2001); Associate, Ziercher & Hocker, P.C. (1998-1999); Member, Husch & Eppenberger, LLC (2001-2003)

Current Memberships: Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Missouri Bar Association; Mound City Bar Association

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David P. McDonald

Senior Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1938
Education: Washington U (MO) 1960 BA, 1962 JD
Began Service: December 3, 1982
Term Expires: December 2, 2014

Government: Chief Trial and Special Assistant Circuit Attorney, Criminal Prosecution, State of Missouri (1965-1975); Administrative Law Judge, Bureau of Hearings and Appeals, Social Security Administration (1975-1979); Administrative Law Judge, National Labor Relations Board (1979-1982)

Judicial: Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

Military Service: United States Army (1962-1964)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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Dean Whipple

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1938
Education: Drury 1961 BS; Missouri (Kansas City) 1965 JD
Began Service: December 1987
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Government: Prosecuting Attorney, County of Laclede, Missouri (1967-1971)

Judicial: Circuit Judge, Missouri Circuit Court, Division II, 26th Judicial Circuit (1975-1987)

Military Service: Missouri National Guard (1956-1961); United States Army Reserve (1961-1966)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Kansas City Inn of the Court; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Laclede County Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association; Missouri Trial Judges Association; 26th Judicial Bar Association

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Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr.

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Pittsburg State 1970 BS; Missouri (Kansas City) 1974 JD
Began Service: 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Corporate: Attorney, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (1974-1980)

Judicial: Judge, Missouri Circuit Court, 16th Judicial Circuit (1980-1986); Judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District (1986-1991)

Current Memberships: American Bar Foundation; Jackson County Bar Association; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Missouri Bar Association

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